**Benra River Projects**

3497. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the agreement of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh for providing funds for the execution of Betwa river project the Union Government had got the River Board Act, 1976 passed by the Parliament;

(b) whether it is a fact that the project has lagged behind because the States are not providing the requisite funds for the project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) wether Government propose to provide funds ss Central assistance for the completion of the project; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Paucity of fund is one of the reasons responsible for delay in completion of the dam project.

(c) Upto end of July, 1992 against approved budget estimate of Rs. 224.56 crores, the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have contributed about Rs. 161.01 crores to Betwa River Board Fund.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

(e) As per provisions of the Betwa River Board Act, 1976 State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are required to contribute funds equally to the Betwa River Board Fund to the satisfaction of the Board.

**World Hunk assistance for Completion of Irrigation Projects in Madhya Pradesh**

3498. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: WiU the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past World Bank had sanctioned time bound credit assistance for 28 major/medium irrigation projects in Madhya. Pradesh but the assistance could be utilised due to non-comple-lion of work in time;

*(b)* if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Under the Madhya Pradesh Medium Irrigation Project (Cre_ dit 1108-IN) a credit of SDR 112.6 million was approved by the World Bank in 1981. The credit closed on March 31, 1988 and an amount of SDR 106.621 million wag disbursed. The project was co-financed by a loan ol SDR 21.9 million from the International Fund for Agricultural Development which was fully disbursed. 16 medium Irrigation Projects were funded under this Project.

Under the Madhya Pradesh Major Irrigation Project, a credit of SDR 195.2 million was approved by the World Bank in September, 1981. The credit closed on 30th June, 1991 and an amount of SDR 165.5 million was disbursed. The Project financed two on-going Irrigation Development Schemes—(i) Mahanadi Reservoir